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SUBJ: GOM STATEMENT ON ANGOLA, BELIZE, AND COLONIALISM GENERALLY

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1. MEXICO'S NEWLY-APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ROBERTO DE ROSENZWEIG, DEFINED GOM POLICY TOWARD ANGOLAN SITUATION PUBLICLY YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME. TERMING THE SITUATION A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE, ROSENZWEIG SAID MEXICO HOPED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION FROM ANGOLA AND COMPLETE FREEDOM FOR ANGOLANS THEMSELVES TO DECIDE THEIR COUNTRY'S FUTURE. HE ADDED THAT IF ANGOLANS WISHED TO SETTLE DIFFERENCES BY VIOLENCE AMONG THEMSELVES, THAT WAS THEIR BUSINESS ALONE.

2. ROSENZWEIG SAID MEXICO'S POSITION ON ANGOLA -- AS WELL AS ON OTHER AFRICAN COLONIES AND BELIZE -- WAS -UNALTERABLY" FOUNDED ON U.N. CHARTER PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION: "THAT EACH COMMUNITY OR EACH ETHNIC GROUP HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE ITS OWN DESTINY." MEXICO, HE SAID, NO LONGER ACCEPTED THE NOTION THAT PEACE DEPENDED UPON ARRANGE-
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MENTS AMONG GREAT POWERS; RATHER, IT BELIEVED PARTICIPA-

TION OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WAS ALSO REQUIRED. HE
DEPLORED FACT THAT U.N. COMMITTEE IV, ON WHICH HE
PREVIOUSLY REPRESENTED MEXICO AND WHICH HE SAID SHOULD
HAVE "SELF-DESTRUCTED" BY NOW, WAS STILL UNABLE TO RESOLVE
CASE OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE IN FAVOR OF SELF-
DETERMINATION PRINCIPLE.

3. INsofar AS MEXICO'S OWN TERRITORIAL CLAIMS REGARDING
BELIZE WAS CONCERNED, ROSENZWEIG STRESSED THAT MEXICO'S
NEW FONSECA, ES-U.N. AMBASSADOR GARCIA ROBLES, HAD MADE
CLEAR WITHIN COMMITTEE IV MEXICO'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAME
CHARTER PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

4. COMMENT: AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, MEXICO,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTRADA DOCTRINE, NEITHER RECOGNIZES
NOR DENIES RECOGNITION TO NEW GOVERNMENTS, AND ROSENZWEIG'S
STATEMENT STICKS CLOSELY TO THIS DOCTRINE WITH REGARD TO
ANGOLA (DESPITE PUBLIC CALLS FOR RECOGNITION OF MPLA
ISSUED BY THE MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY).
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